

**Lower Gwynedd Elementary Home & School Association
Meeting Minutes- Thursday, October 25, 2007**

(these minutes are subject to approval at the next HSA Meeting)

I. Call to Order- 2:10PM

II. Principals Report:

a. Dr. McAneny informed everyone that the plans for the “Wetlands Project” will be shown at a future meeting once they are completed. There is space to add a meadow to the plan, as well as a walking trail. There will be Handicap Access also. He expects to be able to solicit more funds toward the project from other sources once he has the plans completed.

b. Halloween Parade Route- the route is due for a possible change next year. Dr, McAneny would like to find a way to have the children walk the parade and still be able to see each other walking, perhaps in a circle instead of single file out of the building and onto Houston Road. Some of the discussion was about having the parade in the circle in front of the school where cars drop-off/pick-up. Also, it was suggested to have the WHS Stadium field as a parade route. The parents, friends, & families would be able to watch from the track or the stands. Many members at the meeting liked the stadium idea.

c. Possible change in the order of lunch before recess to recess before lunch so that students are not rushing to finish lunch so they can get to recess. Many schools are making this change and Dr. McAneny likes the benefits of the children running off some energy and then sitting down to a lunch that is not rushed. Positive discussion in the meeting on this topic.

d. Discussion was made about the prospect of having healthy snacks available through the school cafeteria for student birthday celebrations. A package price could be put together for families to buy healthy snacks to celebrate their child's birthday with their classmates. Dr. McAneny is working on this with the school lunch vendor. Positive feedback from members on this since the parents/guardians would not need to send snacks in to school, and could just place the order ahead of time through the student account or pay as you go.

e. The Parental Notification System is being implemented in the district. The service provider has been obtained and the Superintendent can send e-mail and/or phone calls immediately through the technology.

III. Minutes: the Minutes of the September 27, 2007 meeting were approved by Deb Castillo and seconded by Jodi Wolper.

IV. Treasurer's Report: no report this month-review next meeting instead.

V. New Business:

a. In addition to the annual end of the year HSA \$50 gift to each teacher in the building, HSA has decided to also include the school nurse as part of the gift program. Teachers use the funds to purchase classroom materials/supplies that will benefit their students. The nurse regularly supplies new socks and other small clothing items, etc. to students out of pocket.

b. Mini-Grants- 5 mini grant applications have been received thus far from the teachers. The requests will be presented at a future meeting. Contact Cathy Knox-Fischer if you are interested in serving on this important committee.

VI. Upcoming Events:

- a. Happy Tymes-LGE Day on November 6, 2007
- b. Breakfast with Buddies-11/8 & 11/9@ 7:45-8:30AM
- c. Election Day-Burunda Prince-Jones attended the meeting and asked everyone to get to the polls to vote on November 6. Burunda is an LGE parent running for a School Board seat. She stated that you can vote for up to 5 candidates. Polling workers are also needed at 22 polling places. Contact her if you can help and bring the kids so they can see the electoral process in action!

VII. Past & Current Events:

- a. Fall Fundraiser- So far the income for this event is at or above the budgeted amount. Still waiting for the final numbers to come in. Online orders can be placed all year long with the vendor with credit given the LGE HSA. Pick-up will be at the classrooms following the Halloween Parade or sent home with the children.
- b. Gym Night- a huge success as nearly 300 people came. Everyone had fun!
- c. Community Service- HSA sent the Gilman Family a \$300 check to help with their expenses after a fire destroyed their home. The family has 2 students at LGE. The community service committee also arranged for free meals and gift cards for clothing and other necessities for the family.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:07PM

Next HSA Meeting is November 15 @ 2PM.

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